

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1, which starts with "The present invention" with the following amended paragraph:

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The present invention relates to a mud suction unit.

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 1, which starts with "According to the invention" with the following amended paragraph:

B²
This object is solved by the present invention.

Please add the following new paragraph prior to the sixth paragraph on page 1, which starts with "The mud suction unit according":

B³
According to an aspect of the invention there is provided a mud suction unit which has a receiving container, to which a suction element is attached for drawing in a muddy fluid and a discharging element for setting the muddy fluid that has been drawn in into motion. The discharging container has a filling limit for the muddy fluid, and a motor for generating a suction flow. The mud suction unit comprises a shut-off mechanism operable to shut off the motor automatically when the filling limit of the muddy fluid is reached, characterized therein that the discharging element comprises a vacuum valve which is closed during a suction process due to the negative pressure present in the receiving container and opened when the motor is switched off automatically by the shut-off mechanism due to the change in internal pressure present in the receiving container.